

1447-1455

209th Pope

Nicholas V

Sarzana, Italy. Fostered arts and sciences and is one of the founders of modern science. He formed the famous Vatican Library and gathered the greatest artists, scientists and learned men of the age around him. During his reign Constantinople was conquered by the Turks (1453)

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Pope Nicholas V originally founded the Vatican library between 1447 and 1455 with a nucleus of 340 volumes. (©1975)

(Today the library contains some 60,000 manuscripts, 7000 incunabula (books printed before 1500), 100,000 engravings and maps, and more than 900,000 books)

1447

1912 Dates. J-BK

Spain & Portugal

The AZORES were discovered
by Portugal.

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Line of the VISCONTI
became extinct.

Italy
in Milan

1447

Vatican library founded

1447

Italy

Congress by which the liberties
of the German Church are
compromised.